

Peulat Erev Sunday 7/3

Goal: To thematically transition from “new beginnings” to “unity” with activities that help kids meet and work together with others from the edah, outside of their bunk. Campers will learn that unity is not just within their individual tzrifim, but also within group of individuals from the entire edah.

Location: Meet in Moadon, then move to the lower migrash. (Rain location: Ask roshes about Beit Am Aleph or Bet.)

Materials:

56 Paper Sheets or Paper/styrofoam plates(Stepping Stone Activity)-- 8 sets of 7 sheets
8 Hula Hoops
~8 Sticks (for closing demonstration)

Procedure:

1- Introduction (5 min) by VIOLET

Imagine that you are all now the Israelites, right after they left Egypt. Do you know how long they were wandering in the desert? (40 years) That's a very long time. There were many obstacles that the Jewish people had to overcome along the way, and there will be many challenges for you tonight before you can get safely to Eretz Israel. Throughout it all, God led the Israelites with a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud, allowing them to travel by day and by night, which was everpresent even in times of hardship. But don't worry, Ilanot! We're here to help you. And we know that if you work together as an edah, you can get there. First we are going to divide into groups and quickly get used to working together with new people, then we will finally make the long ma'asa to Eretz Yisrael!!!!

2- MAYA will split them into groups at random, assigning 2-3 counselors to each group. 8 groups of ~10 people, then the groups will move down to the lower migrash. (3 min)
(Groups TBD, will be predetermined)

3- Game 1-- Hula Hoop Game/Introductions (10, but 7 minutes after the last group is called. Will be kept track of by YAARA and she will call out when to move to the Stepping Stone portion)

* Have each camper say his/her name

* Tell them they're in a new group because, just like the Israelites had to work in groups outside of their families in the desert, so too will they have to learn to work with each member the whole edah. Stress that this is about trusting each other.

* Game: Children hold hands, standing in a circle. They must pass a hula hoop from the person originally holding it, through each member of the circle back to the first person. Talking only minimally, within the shortest amount of time possible.

4- Game 2- Stepping Stones/Masa (20 minutes)

MAYA: (When time for the previous game has elapsed) It is now time to travel to Eretz Yisrael!

Ilanot, prepare yourselves for the journey ahead.

Game: Now the Ilanot-raelites are ready to travel through the desert. The entire lower migrash, starting from one soccer goal to the last soccer goal, is the path from Mitzrayim to Eretz Yisrael, with the stepping stone plates as their beacon. However, campers must get from *Egypt*, the first soccer goal on the lower migrash, to *Israel*, the second soccer goal on the lower migrash, using only the sheets of paper as “stepping stones”, which represent the pillar of fire and cloud. Stones must be stepped on (or held) by campers at all times to be used; if they are left alone, they are sacrificed to the elements and taken away.

The kids must work to get across from Egypt to Israel. They will have the first ~5 minutes to get their act together at the beginning. Once all groups have started moving, announce one of the catastrophes listed below. MAYA, YAARA, or a counselor volunteer will be in charge of announcing the catastrophes. Depending on the progress, announce 3-5 conflicts. Every 3 or so minutes, one of the following conditions may be announced (by MAYA, YAARA or the counselor volunteer):

- 1) Sandstorm- Kids must close their eyes to shield themselves and must continue for 2 minutes (counselor will have to keep track).
- 2) Disease- A terrible plague has stricken the Israelites and they can no longer talk until this is lifted (counselor will also keep track).
- 3) Members kidnapped by other tribes- One of your members (and a stone) will be taken away and put further down the road, and the group must retrieve them before going onward.

MAYA, YAARA, and LIAV will call out when the activity is finished and all of Ilanot will gather at Eretz Yisrael for the conclusion and Rod Hayom.

5-Closing (Ya'ara and Liav or any counselor volunteer) (10 minutes)

1) Ask the following questions, pick 1-2 campers to answer each:

How did they feel about the activity?

What was easy and what was hard?

What was something you learned?

How important was it to be unified within your own group and how does this relate to being in our edah?

Say: The Israelites encountered similar challenges to that of ours, but unlike us, they had to travel for 40 years. Here at Ramah, we are here only for a month, maybe 2 months, but our journey at Ramah is just as important as that of the Israelites. We have just started a great ma'sa, one where we will all encounter obstacles, but we can get through them if we work together.

(This can be cut out time permitting) Demonstration: (snap 1 stick), We may not succeed individually, but we are strong as an mishpacha gdola echat chazak (show difficulty of snapping 7 sticks in a bundle).

Rod hayom, Layla Tov!

Yaara- In charge of hula hoops.

Maya/Jonathan- Will get the paper or plates.

Counselors- Facilitate both activities, make sure to pay attention to MAYA and whoever else is helping with logistics. Everyone will start and stop the hula hoop game after about 7 minutes after the last group is called. From there, everyone will start the stepping stone game and stop after the game has occurred for about 20 minutes. Make sure there are 3 less stones than members of your group. When the different calamities are called out, make sure to enact them upon your group.

Other counselors would be appreciated (Liav included) for assistance of introductions and whatnot.

Counselor leaders are subject to change

Make sure to emphasize that the first goal is Mitzrayim and the last goal is Israel.

Liav- Please make sure everything is running smoothly and assist Yaara with the conclusion. You may lead or join a group if you feel it to be prudent/necessary.

Groups:

*Note- 1 or 2 counselors are needed per group. Because of days off, this is subject to change. Use all Live-ins to fill in the gaps. Those assigned groups were assumed to be more likely to be at the peulat erev. It does NOT MEAN that the other Live Ins who do show up should be excluded, but should continue to help out.)

Group 1-Bash, Bressler

Basson, Noah

Brody, Joshua

Kruglak, Eric

Pemstein, Ezra

Molkner, Gideon

Cannon, Jacob

Chameides, Maia

Ader, Rachel

Cohen, Shoshana

Adira Blumenthal

Group 2- Jake and Harry

Chodorow, Daniel

Vilker, Ari

Byrnes, Jack

Gelb, Isaac

Felsen, Noah

Jaffe-Berkowitz, Zoe

Reichbach, Zoe

Patz, Emma

Friedman, Devira

Lehman, Jessica

Group 3- Dana and Fiedler

Gruber, Joshua

Schwartz, Noah

Labowe-Stoll, Elijah

Cohen, Ari

Steinberg, Jared

Niv, Hadas

Gelb, Macie

Capanna, Ariana

Kaplan, Ilana

Mitre, Talia

Group 4- Adam and Rachel Schw

Hamermesh, Jacob

Kane, Benjamin

Schwartz, Ezra

Malech, Benjamin
Katz, Samuel
Sperber, Shai
Bromberg Seltzer, Hadas
Gillman, Abigail
Beringhause, Aviva
Reinstein, Aliza

Group 5: Yaara and Sam Weiser

Newman, Ella
Kapen, Simon
Nachenberg, Ty
Dembo, Jacob
Smestad, Behn-Eban
Kane, Arianne
Mendelson, Dora
Traiger, Julia
Bard, Addie
Piels, Abbe

Group 6: Maya and Keshet

Reilly, Mark
Rosten, Daniel
Mendelson, Dora
Traiger, Julia
Dembo, Lauren
Harris, Lily
Weissman, Gillian
Danziger, Gabriella
Edelheit, Alyssa
Schwartz, Nell

Group 7: Idan and Zev

David, Ezra
Luddy-Dunn, Benson
Wurm, Felicia
Zimmer, Sabre
Siegfeld, Zev
Leonard, Zach
Weissmann, Eliana
Wiederhorn, Ayelet
Ripps, Ethan
Schenk, Daniel

Group 8: Sam Weinstein

Kirsch, Brian

Koenig, Daniel

Hyman, Gabrielle

Alterman, Jeremiah

Levine, Benjamin

Aladjem, Gabrielle

Klayman, Rebecca

Lehman, Jessica

Duffy, Cormac

Carp, Ari